From STEM to STEAM and now MASHET

I coined a new framework for education: MASHET.

As a journalism teacher, I spend my days teaching students how to question, analyze stories, and find meaning in data. That's when I saw the gap in STEAM.

For 20 years we've pushed STEAM = Science, Tech, Engineering, Arts, Maths.

STEAM got us far. But it has 3 blind spots:

1. Maths is buried at the end. Yet Maths is the language of all 5

2. Science & Technology. STEAM lumps them. Research vs application need different skills

3. Humanities is missing. STEAM's "Arts" = design/art only. Where's history, philosophy, ethics, journalism?

So I coined MASHET: Maths, Arts, Science, Humanities, Engineering, Technology.

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Why MASHET matters for 2026 + Africa:

1. Maths first: Foundation before you build

2. Humanities explicit: AI ethics, storytelling, critical thinking aren't extras. They're core

3. Science + Tech separated: We need researchers AND builders

4. All 6 equal: Not "STEM + 1 add-on". 6 pillars for balanced thinkers.

STEAM taught us how to build.

MASHET teaches us what to build + why it matters to humans.

Journalism taught me: facts without context are noise. Tech without ethics is dangerous.

Do you agree we need to move from STEAM → MASHET?

Comment "MASHET" if you'd back this, or "STEAM" if you think the old model still works

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